

JUNIUS ALEXANDER.

MAY 16, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MIERS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7362.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7362) granting a pension to Junius Alexander, have examined the same and respectfully report:

This bill, as amended, proposes to pension at \$12 per month Junius Alexander, of Bloomfield, Ind.

The soldier served in Company F, Eighth United States Colored Volunteer Infantry, from May 27, 1863, to September 1, 1866, and in Company D, Thirty-ninth United States Infantry, from September 1, 1866, to August 9, 1867, and was honorably discharged from first service and mustered out on surgeon's certificate of disability from second service, after four years of honorable service.

He is now old and poor, but a good citizen. He has applied for pension at the Bureau, but his applications have been denied, and his only mode of relief is by application to Congress.

He is totally disabled and can not perform labor of any kind. He suffers from disabilities incurred in the service to such an extent that, in the opinion of your committee, he is entitled to a pension of \$12 per month. He has greater disabilities which your committee can not consider, and which are excluded in considering the case and fixing the pension.

The bill is reported back with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 4, after the word "roll," insert "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."

In line 7 strike out "of twenty" and insert "at the rate of twelve."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *Washington, D. C.*

I am personally acquainted with Junius Alexander, and have been for the last twenty years. He is an old colored man, nearly 70 years of age. He is feeble and is badly crippled with rheumatism. He is wholly unable to perform manual labor, and is entirely without means. He is a bachelor and has no relatives to look to for sup-

port. He will be compelled to go to the poorhouse unless he can get a pension. I know of my personal knowledge that he is not a man of vicious or immoral habits.

His application for pension was rejected after several medical examinations. Some of them showed that his present disability was probably due to his own vicious habits when in the service, while others of the examinations failed to indicate any trace of syphilis, that being the alleged result of his vicious habits for which his claim was rejected. The Pension Department was in doubt as to the propriety of allowing or rejecting the claim, and commenced to write a favorable recommendation, then drew a pen through it and rejected the claim. Being personally acquainted with this old man, his case appeals to me very strongly. He has worked in many of the best families at Bedford, Ind., and has no trace or appearance of any infection

ROBERT W. MIERS.

To the Congress of the United States or the United States Pension Department:

This is to certify that we are well acquainted with Junius Alexander. He is a poor crippled up colored man without means, and unable to perform manual labor to any great extent. He is honorable, upright, and of good moral character, and has no vicious habits. We heartily commend him to the favorable consideration of the Pension Department.

Charles E. Henderson, representative of Greene County; John W. Graham, clerk Greene County; John D. Alexander, late captain Company D, Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry Volunteers; J. L. Keith, deputy sheriff, Greene County; Harvey L. Doney, auditor Greene County; H. K. Dye, attorney at law; W. W. Clogston, surveyor Greene County; Charles E. Combs, deputy auditor; C. C. Ballard, treasurer Greene County; James Harrel, late of Company D, Fiftieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; James H. Persons, recorder Greene County, Ind.; Thos. Van Buskirk, ex-member legislature; W. F. Gallemore, attorney at law; Joseph G. Smith, ex-recorder Greene County, Ind., late of Company I, Eighty-second Indiana Volunteers; James Moffett, late of Company E, Ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry; James Garters, Company A, First United States Cavalry; Jos. E. Shryer, postmaster; E. H. C. Cairns, late lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry; Cook Burk, late private Eighth United States Colored Volunteers; George W. Osbur, late captain Company E, Fifty-ninth Regiment Indiana Volunteers; Calvin Stalings, Company H, quartermaster-sergeant Sixth Cavalry; L. M. Johnson, trustee of Bloomfield; A. T. Cavins, druggist; Taylor Pendleton, One hundred and Eighth Colored Infantry, Kentucky, Company F; John E. Warren, Company E, Eighty-ninth Regiment Indiana Volunteers; Lewis Kidd, saloon; Marion Bennett, Company D, Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteers; W. L. Cavins, attorney at law; Joseph H. Laughlin, Company B, Twenty-seventh Indiana; J. A. Riddle, deputy prosecuting attorney; John T. Lamb, ex-Republican chairman Second Congressional district of Indiana; John C. Gilliland, city treasurer; W. O. Dobbins, late private Company C, Twentieth Infantry; T. C. Murray, proprietor hotel; J. L. Oliphant; Wm. M. Moss, editor and publisher; C. W. Adams, coal; F. M. Dugger, coal and grain; James G. Hert, dry goods merchant; Albert B. Titus, dry goods clerk; G. W. Steel; Wm. R. Cravens, M. D.; D. R. Spainhower, Company A, Forty-first Illinois; S. C. Cravens, M. D.; Thomas J. Axe, Company C, First Indiana Heavy Artillery; John E. McLaughlin, sheriff Greene County; A. J. Shields, merchant; Wm. W. Moffett, judge of circuit court.